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STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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Director, Office of Program and Performance Assessment

STAT FROM: [redacted]
Deputy Director, Office of Program and Performance Assessment

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Study of Collection Evaluation Systems

1. Action Requested: That you approve the study described in the attached Terms of Reference.

STAT 2. Background: In reviewing recent studies being conducted by OPPA on COMINT and HUMINT capabilities in the Third World, I am reminded that there are a number of mechanisms in the Community for evaluating how well the collection systems satisfy the requirements of intelligence producers. For example, the Publication Source Survey (PSS) at NFAC has proved useful in [redacted] estimates of different collectors' contributions to finished intelligence from NFAC, and [redacted] has used statistics from DIA's HUMINT Information Management System (HIMS) to analyze Defense attache performance. Based on these experiences, I think a survey study describing PSS, the evaluation portions of HIMS, and as many other collection evaluation systems as we can identify in the Community would serve a number of purposes. Such a study would:

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- allow us to compare the evaluation system(s) used by different collection disciplines and suggest ways to improve collection evaluation by expanding or modifying existing mechanisms or by adding new ones,
- provide a reference document that we in OPPA could use to ensure future, cross-discipline collection evaluations that we might perform take advantage of data already available in existing systems, and

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- be a source of ideas for ways to develop and focus staff efforts on production evaluation so that whatever we do in the production arena links well with existing collection evaluation systems. This linkage is essential for better end-to-end assessments of intelligence performance.

3. Recommendation: That you approve the study described in the attached Terms of Reference. This memo has been coordinated with the Collection Offices.



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APPROVED:

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Attachment
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